

APPROVED: Meeting No. 1-83

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 45-82

December 20, 1982

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, on Monday, December 20, 1982, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman John Tyner, II

ABSENT

Councilman Steve Abrams  
(On travel leave)

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Larry Blick; City Clerk Helen M. Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: City Manager's Report

Mr. Blick reported the following:

1. The pedestrian signal at North Washington Street and Dawson Avenue has been completed and will become fully operational tomorrow at 3 p.m. The Public Works staff was able to beat the December 24 deadline by 48 hours.

2. This year's leaf collection program will be completed tomorrow. The department was able to get back on schedule on December 9. Thus far this year, 21,630 cubic yards of leaves were picked up at a 17 percent increase over last year.

3. Building permits have been issued for a \$10 million addition to Tracor's facility on Research Boulevard and a \$4.6 million office building on the parcel across from Potomac Springs on Seven Locks Road which was recently annexed to the City.

4. This year, the City was able to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to feed 516 persons as compared to 342 persons in 1981.

5. City Attorney Glasgow reported that the City of Rockville and the Montgomery County Board of Education have agreed to an out-of-court settlement on two suits filed by the City last May in Montgomery County Circuit Court.

Under terms of the agreement, the City will drop its actions concerning past decisions by the Board and the school system has agreed to follow certain procedures in the future when developing recommendations and plans that effect facilities within the corporate limits of Rockville.

Mayor Freeland said he would take the prerogative of the Chair that during Item No. 14, any interested citizen might testify on that matter rather than comment at citizen's forum. At the same time, Peerless Rockville will present its case and the results of discussions held between Peerless and the Mayor and Council at a special executive session on Wednesday, December 15.

Re: Appointments

Mayor Freeland made the following appointments. They were confirmed by the Council:

Traffic & Transportation Commission: Harry Regan - reappointed - 2 year term

Cultural Arts Commission: Lee Blue - reappointed - 2 year term

Planning Commission: Leah Barnett - reappointed - 5 year term

Re: Citizen's Forum

Mayor Freeland opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council:

1. Michael Gordon. Mr. Gordon thanked the Mayor and Council for a job well done in the installation of a traffic light at North Washington Street and Dawson Avenue. He said the City was able to respond to a request in 15 months with a safety device that will benefit all citizens and save lives for many years to come.
2. Homer Brock. Mr. Brock wished seasons greetings to the Mayor and Council. He said the seniors were able to enjoy a most festive occassion last Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center in Forest Glen.
3. Phyllis Fordham, Vice President of Peerless Rockville. Mrs. Fordham provided a verse to the Mayor and Council in honor of the holiday season and presented calendars from Peerless Rockville to the Mayor and Council and staff.

There being no other citizen wishing to address the Mayor and Council, the Mayor closed the citizen's forum portion of the meeting.

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Re: Introduction of Resolution:  
To amend the Charter of the City of Rockville by deleting Section 13 of Article VII thereof, and substituting in its place a new Sec. 13 with amendments, so as to simplify the procurement requirements of the Charter; to authorize the City Manager to designate an official to act on his behalf in executing contracts; to authorize the Mayor and Council to provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding purchases and contracts for the City government

John Lawton, Director of Finance, introduced Gail Landay the Purchasing Agent and David Podosky the Assistant City Attorney who have cooperated with him in the writing of new purchasing regulations for the City. The procurement matters are organized in this resolution and the ordinances that are the next two agenda items amending Chapter 2 and writing a new Chapter 5. He said the proposed ordinance attempts to combine the present Charter provisions and existing policies and procedures into an ordinance that is more easily improved than the Charter, but is more clear and more certain than unwritten practices. The first goal is the transfer from the Charter of requirements that are inappropriate for inclusion in a general document such as the Charter. This will leave it with only the most basic rules relating to procurement and delegates the specifics to the more easily updated ordinance. The proposed ordinance includes the following major topics: 1) Division of Contracting Authority, 2) Types of Contracts, 3) Methods of Contract Formation, 4) Procedures for Competitive Bidding and Competitive Sealed Proposals, 5) Contracting Requirements Relating to Specifications, Bonds and Bid Securities, 6) Rules for the Disposition of Goods, 7) Contractors Rights of Appeals and Remedies, and 8) Ethics of Procurement Process. Mr. Lawton went on and elaborated upon each of these items. Councilman Tyner suggested that during the further review on this item and the public hearing, the Council, which raised the bidding level to \$7,500 three years ago, consider raising it to \$10,000. He asked the Director of Finance how many bids are seen in that range. Mr. Lawton said from January to September 58 bid awards were given, there were three that ranged between \$7,500 and \$10,000; the other 55 were over \$10,000.

Councilman Tyner thought that might be a possibility. Councilwoman Hovsepian offered suggestions and pointed out that on page 7 of the Resolution the word "he" should be corrected.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, the Resolution was introduced to amend the Charter. A public hearing will be held on January 17, 1983.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance:  
To repeal and re-enact Section 2-1.04I of Chapter 2 of the "Laws of Rockville", entitled "City Manager", to provide for purchases of materials, supplies and equipment

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepian, there was introduced upon the table, an ordinance to repeal and re-enact Section 2-1.04I of Chapter 2 of the "Laws of Rockville" entitled "City Manager", to provide for purchases of materials, supplies and equipment, said ordinance to be the subject of a public hearing on January 17, 1983.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To adopt a new Chapter 5 of the "Laws of Rockville", entitled "Purchasing, Contracts and Dispositions", to provide for rules and regulations regarding City purchases, contracts and the disposition of City property

On motion of Councilman Duncan, there was introduced upon the table, an ordinance to adopt a new Chapter 5 entitled "Purchasing, Contracts and Dispositions" to provide for rules and regulations regarding City purchases, contracts and the disposition of City property, said ordinance is to be the subject of a public hearing on January 17, 1983.

Re: Approval of request to withdraw Text Amendment Applications, T-21-78, T-35-80, and T-48-81, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant

At its meeting of December 1, 1982, the Planning Commission was briefed on all Text Amendment Applications which are currently pending review and action. Several of these amendments have been in abeyance for a long period of time. The Commission has concluded that circumstances which originally warranted the filing of several applications have changed and no further effort should be expended. Therefore, the Commission requests that the Mayor and Council withdraw the following Text Amendment Applications filed on its behalf.

- o Text Amendment Application T-21-78 would amend the sign regulations to permit limited use of "changeable message signs" for large, enclosed shopping malls. Piecemeal amendments to the sign regulations were deferred for a comprehensive review of all sign issues in the City. The draft proposed new sign regulations now under community review contain provisions for changeable message signs for use in a variety of necessary and appropriate situations.
- o Text Amendment Application T-35-80 would increase the parking requirement for housing for elderly or physically handicapped persons from one space per four units to one space per two units. This amendment was filed at a time of concern for a proposed senior citizen apartment building at the Rockshire Village Center. The concern leading to this application has been resolved.
- o Text Amendment Application T-48-81 would require the City to obtain performance bonds and payment bonds to assure implementation of site plans and landscape plans in accordance with approved Use Permits. Subsequent to filing this application, the City's ability to use municipal infractions as a zoning enforcement tool was authorized by the State. Municipal infraction procedures offer a less complex method of dealing with site and landscape plan compliance.

Councilman Tyner asked Mr. Davis if T-35-80 might be valid elsewhere in the City even though originally it was filed for Rockshire. He noted that there was some discrepancy between the text amendment list and the list of text amendments in the Planning Department's report in the information section. Mr. Davis attempted to clarify the amendments. Councilwoman Hovsepien asked if public hearings had been held on all of these. The City Manager said the hearings had been held. There were some questions still remaining and Mayor Freeland said that the resolution of denial will trigger further discussion.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, staff was instructed to draw up the resolution denying the text amendments.

Re: Approval of increase in Civic  
Center Rental fees

Staff has proposed increases in Civic Center rental fees across the Board. There has been no increases in these fees since 1976. If implemented, the new charges will allow the facility to substantially increase revenues without any loss of competitive edge or demand. The Mansion remains one of the least expensive locations in the area in comparison to similar facilities where weddings, social gatherings can occur. Councilman Tyner asked for clarification on non-partisan political groups. Mr. Olson read from the Civic Center

Operating Procedures. Councilman Tyner suggested that civic associations be added to the list of definitions. He asked when the contracts are up for user groups. Mr. Olson said the contract meeting is being held on January 10 between the groups such as Rockville Little Theatre and Rockville Music Theatre and the Civic Center Manager. Councilman Tyner suggested that the Mayor and Council might give bench marks to the staff for negotiations with the contractees. He said he would be available to assist if necessary. Councilman Duncan asked about the new fee for the use of the kitchens. Mr. Olson explained the history of this charge and the reason for it. The City Manager suggested that a cap be put on the number of meetings that may be held for a six-month permit. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the new fees for the use of the Civic Center were approved.

Re: Authorization to apply for  
State Highway Administration  
Pedestrian Safety Grant in the  
amount of \$5,000

The State Highway Administration has given the City preliminary approval for funding of a pedestrian safety study for the section of Route 355 separating the new Metro Station from the rest of the Town Center. This would be a 100% grant of \$5,000, funded from the same Federal safety program from which the City is now in the process of purchasing a marking removal machine.

The proposed study would extend from Park Road to Richard Montgomery Drive, and would provide an opportunity to take a closer look at pedestrian safety in this area (including concerns expressed by representatives of St. Mary's Church and School, the Americana Center, area businesses, and the City's Economic Development Council).

The City would have to prepare a simple agreement form. Since the grant must apply to rectifying an identifiable safety problem, the staff will have to verify that the subject area is hazardous in objective terms (accident history, etc.) or become ineligible for the grant. The sole risk to the City, therefore, is a small amount of staff time necessary to collect the verification information. When the grant is finally approved, the staff would then acquire and manage the services of a consultant to perform the actual study.

The grant proposal was presented to both the Traffic and Transportation Commission and the Economic Development Council who saw no problem in proceeding.

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the State Highway Administration for a \$5,000 grant to study pedestrian crossing problems along Hungerford Drive from Park Road to Richard Montgomery Drive.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the City Manager was authorized to submit the grant application.

Re: Adoption of Attachment "B" to  
the United State Conference of  
Mayors Deferred Compensation  
Plan

Resolution No. 35-82

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, Resolution No. 35-82, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 7 of the Mayor and Council was adopted, adding Attachment "B" to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Deferred Compensation Plan.

Re: Award of Contract: Bid No. 29-83  
Demolition of Old Maryvale  
Elementary School

Bids to raze the former Maryvale Elementary School located at 301 Charles Street were opened at 11:00 a.m., December 13, 1982. In addition to advertising on two separate dates in the Washington Post, proposals were mailed to approximately seventy (70) contractors. Of the thirty-seven (37) contractors who picked up specifications, sixteen (16) submitted bids. These bids are as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Lump Sum Bid</u>
1. FETCO, Inc.	\$ 29,500
2. Springfield Contracting	32,402
3. John Driggs, Co., Inc.	33,680
4. Francis O. Day, Inc.	43,525
5. International Crane Service	44,700
6. Gebaut Samen Development Corp.	53,193
7. Jefferson & Bucheimer	53,972
8. Lee Washington, Inc.	56,379
9. Wrecking Corporation of America	58,800
10. The McAlister-Schwartz Company	59,000
11. Lantz Willard Co., Inc.	60,362
12. Santa Fe Construction Company, Inc.	60,840

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Contractor	Lump Sum Bid
13. Pleasant Excavating Co., Inc.	\$ 73,500
14. Ace Wrecking Co., Inc.	88,700
15. United Rigging & Hauling, Inc.	104,456
16. Goldsworthy Excavation, Inc.	159,900

The low bidder, FETCO, Inc., is a Rockville firm which has performed satisfactorily for the City in the past.

It is, therefore, recommended that FETCO, Inc., be awarded the lump sum bid in the amount of \$29,500 for the demolition and site clearance of the former Maryvale School Building upon the condition that a deed is executed by the Board of Education conveying the property to the County Government so that the City may take control of the property.

The budgeted amount is \$50,000.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, Bid No. 29-83, razing the former Maryvale Elementary School, was awarded to FETCO, Inc., in the amount of \$29,500 upon the condition that a deed is executed by the Board of Education conveying the property to the County Government so that the City may take control of the property.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To authorize public improvements for the reconstruction and widening of South Stonestreet Ave., Baltimore Road, to Veirs Mill Road

On motion of Councilman Duncan, there was introduced upon the table an ordinance authorizing public improvements for the reconstruction and widening of South Stonestreet Avenue, Baltimore Road to Veirs Mill Road, said ordinance to lay over at least one week before final action is taken.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance: To amend Chapter 13 of the "Laws of Rockville" entitled "Human Rights Commission", to prohibit racial and religious intimidation

#### Ordinance No. 40-82

On motion of Councilmembers Tyner and Hovsepian, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, Ordinance No. 40-82, the full text of which can be found in Ordinance Book No. 11 of the Mayor and Council prohibiting racial and religious intimidation was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Freeland suggested that an effort be made through the newspaper to bring about unified action in the entire area that will thwart such acts.



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Re: Decision and Instructions  
to staff re Planned Residential  
Unit Application, PRU-14B-82,  
Mayor and Council, Applicant,  
Dawson Farm House

Councilwoman Hovsepien brief everyone on the activities on this particular application. The Mayor and Council met in executive session last Wednesday, December 15, with Peerless Rockville. Mayor Freeland, Councilmembers Duncan and Hovsepien were present along with Mr. Weirich, Mrs. Fordham and Mrs. McGuckian from Peerless Rockville. The minutes were delivered today to the representatives of the neighborhood and are available to the public. The meeting was closed in executive session because it involved property negotiation and at no time addressed the zoning application before the Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Hovsepien suggested that the record be held open until Monday, January 3, 1983, in order to give the community time to comment since they did not receive information on last week's meeting until today. Councilman Tyner suggested that the record be closed this evening. He said he is prepared to make a decision. There is nothing new that can be said. It is just a rehash of old material. Councilwoman Hovsepien disagreed and said because material was not delivered to the community last week, she would like to see the record held open for neighborhood comment. She also hesitates to make a decision on the zoning if Peerless Rockville does not have a firm commitment from the prospective purchasers. Mayor Freeland said that can be handled in the enabling legislation to disallow the zoning if the transaction is not complete as designed in a reasonable period. He noted the amount of time that has been spent and the issues that were raised because of the original commercial proposal. An effort was made on all sides to get closer to the best possible answer. He would like to be sure there is a complete document on what has been done in the past by all parties so he sees no harm in leaving the record open.

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepien, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Council agreed that the record will be closed on Monday, January 3, 1983.

Robert Weirich, President of Peerless Rockville, addressed the Council and thanked everyone for their assistance. He listed materials that were given this afternoon that will be going into the record, including a report of last weeks meeting, a chronology, sketches of the property, and a plan for construction

schedule. He said this offer had been made a long time ago and Mr. & Mrs. Owens would like to see everything completed by the 10th. He would like the City to proceed rapidly with the survey contract, etc.

Mr. Steve Owens, perspective purchaser, thanked all for the amount of time that has been spent.

Eugene Thirolf, 407 Mercer Road, addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the citizens association. He noted that the important issue in the very beginning was to preserve the house and park. The citizens are interested in the property being used as a residence. The association looks forward to a new neighbor and seeing it work. Mayor Freeland asked Mr. Thirolf to ask the president of the citizens association to correspond with the City before the record closes. The City Manager said the contract of sale will take some time to assemble if it is to include the provisions for the loan that will be given to Peerless Rockville. He also noted from the sketches given to the staff it would seem the land, which the Owens would purchase is much larger than the 12,000 square feet originally agreed upon. Councilwoman Hovsepan said it was her opinion that the Mayor and Council had denied the request for a larger portion of land. The Mayor said there are 5.2 acres of park land and some of the square footage can be adjusted. Mayor Freeland said there was no wish to change to a larger piece of land for commercial as suggested by Mr. Cantelon. Councilman Duncan said a decision should be made after the land is staked and the Council has a chance to look at the comparison. He asked if a contract could be ready by January 10. The City Manager said that would be difficult since the process will be quite complicated. Councilman Duncan asked what time frame the City Manager anticipated if the PRU is approved. The City Manager said at least 30 days, Mr. Fitzgerald of the staff could start working on it. The Mayor suggested that the staff start immediately and only very extreme conditions could cause the process to stop. The Mayor and Council have indicated they favor the proposal. He asked that the City Attorney include some type of self-destruct mechanism in the PRU approval in case Peerless' negotiations with Mr. Owens fail. He asked that the staff complete the process legally, quickly and within the parameters that have been set by the Mayor and Council as to the sale of the property to Peerless, a loan on the property to Peerless, etc. The City Manager asked if Peerless will be providing the City with guarantees for repayment. Phyllis Fordham, Vice President of Peerless Rockville, addressed

the audience and said that Peerless Rockville has attorneys in its membership who will draft many of the documents and bring them to the staff for review in order to facilitate. This will also save additional money being spent on staff time. She asked that the Mayor and Council instruct the staff to work with them. Councilman Tyner asked the Chairman of the Historic District Commission if the Commission will postpone consideration until the process is completed. Mr. Patterson said the HDC can take action at its meeting this week. Mr. Weirich asked if the contract purchasers, the Owensens, might begin work on the house before approval is given. The Mayor and Council said it would be best if this were not done since they just had an experience in which that did not prove successful.

On motion of Councilwoman Hovsepien, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, staff was instructed to prepare the legal documentation approving the application, eliminating all references to commercial in the application, and making a contingency that would provide a self-destruct mechanism.

Re: Approval of recommended  
changes in snow removal  
policy

Staff recommends that:

- A. The City evaluate the sidewalks it currently is responsible for clearing to determine if property use changes constitute a change in clearing responsibility.
- B. The City should increase enforcement practices in areas which have historically been in violation of the City's snow removal ordinance
- C. The Mayor and Council are requested to endorse the snow removal policy which is being followed.
- D. The Department of Community Resources refer the names of individuals who are interested in clearing sidewalks to those people who wish to have their sidewalks cleared.
- E. A public relations program be developed in order to increase conformance with PM-301.5 and neighborhood assistance.

Councilwoman Hovsepien suggested that the sidewalks leading to schools be given special attention and that be included under "B".

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the staff recommended snow removal policy was approved by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Approval of time extension  
to New Rockville Town Center  
Partners for submission of  
Letter of Intent from hotel  
franchisor

At its meeting of September 20, 1982, the Mayor and Council of Rockville granted to New Rockville Town Center Partners an extension of three months for the submission of a letter of Intent from a hotel franchisor. That letter is a requirement of the disposition and development agreement with New Rockville Town Center Partners (NRTCP). The extension was granted under the auspices of Paragraph (a) of Section 8.03 of the disposition and development agreement. The extension expires on December 15, 1982.

Since obtaining the extension, the developer has diligently continued negotiations with several hotel franchisors and potential operators. They have also been actively pursuing financing packages for the eventual hotel development. The developer has not, however, been able to provide the City with the requisite Letter of Intent. They are, nevertheless, continuing with their negotiations.

Peter J. Stahel has written on behalf of the New Rockville Town Center Partners and requests an additional ninety (90) day extension in which to submit a Letter of Intent. Such an extension would extend the due date to March 15, 1983.

It is apparent that the developer has been pursuing its contractual obligations with regard to obtaining a hotel franchise for the Courthouse Square parcel. They appear confident that they will be able to name the franchise in advance of the requested new deadline. Consequently, it is recommended that the request of the New Rockville Town Center Partners for an additional ninety (90) day extension of time be granted.

Councilwoman Hovsepian said everything could fall through if this ninety day extension does not produce a franchisor. Mayor Freeland agreed and said that the Mayor and Council went through a carefully thought out process but if there is no paper on a hotel by March 15, it would be a good idea for the City to have Plan B ready. The City Manager said the developers are having the Laventhol and Horwath study updated to give to hotel franchises. Mayor Freeland said he can understand that but it is possible that March 15 the

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Mayor and Council will hear that the hotel is not viable in downtown and it might be a 'ho gd' situation. He said if those things happen, the staff must be prepared to start again because he does not think any additional extensions are in order.

On motion of Councilman Duncan, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the ninety day extension was granted to the New Rockville Town Center Partners.

Re: Adoption of Resolution: To modify Resolution No. 28-82, in order to extend the time for satisfaction of the conditions contained therein and to authorize attorneys for the City to consent to the granting of an additional sixty day extension of the time within which Rockville Redevelopment Associates may submit a plan of reorganization proceedings

Resolution No. 36-82

Councilman Tyner suggested that instead of the sixty day extension requested, that seventy-four days be given, causing this to come due also on March 15. He said he has extremely little confidence that it will work itself out since it seems to be a joint venture between the New Redevelopment Group, Mr. Eisinger and the New Rockville Town Center. They should all come forward at the same time. Mayor Freeland said he shares Councilman Tyner's concerns and agreed and in that way the Mayor and Council can say go or no go on March 15 to all.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, Resolution No. 36-82, the full text of which can be found in Resolution Book No. 7 of the Mayor and Council was adopted by the Mayor and Council.

Re: Approval of recommendation from Traffic and Transportation Commission re Monroe/Fleet Street intersection and Argyle Street

Several recent accidents at the intersection of Monroe and Fleet Street suggest that the traffic situation here has not stabilized to an acceptable

level. Observation of the intersection continues to clearly indicate that this is not a sight distance problem as might be suspected, but a problem of simple failure to stop on Monroe Street. The history of conflicts (accidents, near-misses, etc.) has resulted in low driver confidence in two ways:

1. Motorists on Fleet Street often stop, apparently to avoid conflicting with vehicles on Monroe that may run the STOP sign. This action further contributes to confusion in the intersection.
2. Some drivers avoid the intersection entirely.

The recent addition of red flashers on Monroe Street has hopefully helped, but it is too early to really tell. Once again, however, a four-way STOP would probably worsen the situation more than it would help.

The need for a traffic signal is inevitable at this intersection. Staff had intended to request a CIP project this year, based solely on warranting traffic volumes and regardless of the persistent safety problem and recommends Mayor and Council authorization of midyear funding for design of a traffic signal at this location. This would allow design to begin in July 1983 if Council agrees. If construction is delayed because the intersection finally does stabilize, or for any other reason, there would be a completed design ready to go to construction at any future time. Design will cost about \$4,000.

There is an important relationship between conditions at the Monroe/Fleet intersection and traffic flow on Argyle Street. Any measures that positively divert traffic away from Argyle will push more traffic into the Monroe/Fleet intersection. While this is one of the intentions of building Fleet Street in the first place, any such action now can only aggravate the intersection's short-term safety problem. Staff strongly recommends that no action be taken on Argyle Street until the situation at the Monroe/Fleet Street intersection has been rectified.

The Council discussed this briefly and agreed to the necessity of improving safety at that intersection.

On motion of Councilman Tyner, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all present, the Mayor and Council approved the staff recommendations on design, the delay of Van Buren and Argyle Street.

Re: Correspondence

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of correspondence:

1. County Executive Gilchrist, re thank you for staff cooperation
2. County Executive Gilchrist, re ordinance requiring alarm business licensing  
Councilman Tyner suggested Chief Stout send a memo on this.
3. Rockville Little Theatre, re Gold Hat Award

Councilman Tyner said this will be discussed at the next Little Theatre Board meeting.

4. Letters supporting Peerless Rockville transaction on Dawson Farmhouse
5. HUD, re compliance with nondiscrimination requirements
6. MML, re salary reimbursement for Roger Titus

Councilman Tyner said he would be chairing the meeting of the MML at which this will be discussed.

Re: Information Items

The Mayor and Council noted the following items of information:

1. Quarterly report from the Planning Department
2. Memo from CDHA re Condo Conversion Tax  
Councilman Duncan said this will be included under the consumer affairs legislation, but it is not a priority.
3. Memo from CDHA re Tree Cutting at Gentleman Jim's  
Councilwoman Hovsepian said she would like further information on this when it is available.
4. CDHA Project reports
5. Notice from WMATA re Architect's selection for Rockville Station joint development project study
6. Response to citizen complaint
7. Memo re rent increase at Congressional Towers

Council discussed this memo. Mayor Freeland said if there are some people severely pressed for renting, there should be some mechanism for the City to assist them. He asked if there is a procedure for helping them through the landlord or otherwise. The City Manager said the Montgomery County Welfare or Social Services might be able to assist. Perhaps the program could be held at a senior citizens meeting explaining what is available if people qualify.

8. Press release on School Board matter

Re: New Business

1. Councilman Duncan said there will be a press conference at 10 a.m. tomorrow on the "Dial-a-Ride Program".

2. Councilman Duncan asked if the staff has yet prepared comments on landlord/tenant legislation. The City Manager said they will be coming back to the Mayor and Council at a future meeting.

3. Councilman Tyner reminded the Mayor and Council of the Municipal League Chapter meeting on January 6 with the County Council.

4. Councilman Tyner briefed the other members of the Council about the chairs this evening for them to test.

5. Councilman Duncan said Mr. Olson has some other chairs that the Mayor and Council may want to test.

6. Mayor Freeland said this being the last meeting of the year, he would like to thank all for their work during the past year.

Re: Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Mayor and Council in general session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, January 10, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.